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factory as a legal treatise. It is really a valuable digest, but rather, we should say, from its suggestiveness than from its accuracy of classification. It is something of a hotch-potch, but one is continually running upon analogies and new points of view that are undoubtedly of solid value. One who should use this digest in connection with his professional work would be sure that he would not be allowed to stay in the rut which conventional classification has worn. The author says on page 841, "It is instructive to observe how the rules and the requirements of one subject act and re-act on another." To illustrate this important principle is one of the conspicuous purposes of his work, and this purpose he has admirably accomplished.

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LINCOLN THE LAWYER. By Frederick Trevor Hill of the New York Bar. Published in the *Century Magazine*. Chapters X-XIV, February issue; chapters XV-XVIII, March issue.

In these chapters Mr. Hill depicts Lincoln's career from the time when he was managing clerk—and a most unmethodical one—till he became the recognized leader of the local bar. He was evidently during the early years of his practice not much of a "man of business," but his "mind was orderly, though his methods were not. He neglected details because his thought, which was 'as direct as light,' passed instantly to the vital spot, and all else seemed unimportant." For many years Lincoln appears to have been not only indifferent to the commercial advantages of the legal profession, but somewhat negligent of his clients' best interests in his failure to prepare properly for the trial of causes entrusted to him. His association with Judge Logan undoubtedly induced him to form more studious habits, and the partnership of Logan & Lincoln acquired an extensive practice.

Mr. Hill gives an interesting account of riding the circuit, the hardships and pleasures of which formed an important part of Lincoln's life for several years. Lincoln's wit often lessened the hardships of his friends on the circuit, but, as one of his surviving contemporaries says, "Nothing can be more absurd than to picture Lincoln as a combination of buffoon and drummer. He was frequently the life of our little company, keeping us good-natured, making us see the funny side of things, and generally entertaining us; but to create the impression that the circuit was a circus, of which Lincoln was the clown, is ridiculous. He was a lawyer engaged in serious and dignified work, and a man who felt his responsibility keenly."

We believe Mr. Hill is giving us a true picture of the man about whom so much that is unreliable has been written. One cannot read these papers without having an increased admiration and respect for Lincoln's ability, integrity and modesty.